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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: 09/265,385) Examiner: S. Pollard
Filed: March 10, 1999)
For: PLASTIC CONTAINER, AND)
METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR)
SUPPLYING PHOTOGRAPHIC)
PROCESSING CHEMICALS USING)
THE PLASTIC CONTAINER)

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This response responds to the Office Action dated May 24, 2001 (Paper No. 12).

Concurrently filed with this response is a Petition for Extension of Time for two months.

REMARKS

This response responds to the Office Action dated May 24, 2001 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 1, 12, 13 and 20 claim a plastic container comprising a bottom portion, a trunk portion formed by four flat planes, a mouth portion and a shoulder portion. Claims 12, 13 and 20 also claims a removal opening closed by a punchable seal member. The average thickness of the trunk portion is 0.2 to 0.7 mm. The ratio of a length H of the trunk portion to a length L of a diagonal line of a rectangle formed by the outer periphery